

REMARKS

Applicant submits this Supplemental Response to the Office Action to correct a typographical error on page 1 of the original response. An amendment was made to the specification to include the priority data as the first paragraph of the application. No claim amendments were made.

Claims 1 and 4 – 21 are pending in the present application. Applicant respectfully asserts that the Examiner did not examine the pending claims. A Preliminary Amendment was filed 29 March 2004 along with the Divisional Application. Applicant submits copies of the Preliminary Amendment and the postcard showing receipt by the USPTO as Exhibits A and B.

Applicant further submits the Petition under 37 CFR §1.48(a), the Statement of Pixie Austin, the Declaration signed by Pixie Austin, Matthew Adams and Kevin Conwell, and consent by the assignee to add Pixie Austin as an inventor all of which were filed in the parent application, See Exhibits C – F.

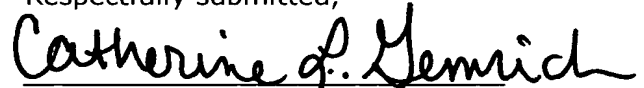
Claims 1 and 3 were rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent 6350071 (*Conwell*). Claim 2 was rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Conwell* in further view of US Patent 4065068 (*Treadwell*). Applicant asserts that the Preliminary Amendment obviates the Examiner's rejections. Furthermore, the inventors of US Patent 6350071 are both inventors of the present invention and this reference is not prior art. Accordingly, claims 1 and 4 - 20 are patentable.

CONCLUSION

Applicant asserts that all of the objections have been obviated and, therefore now respectfully requests withdrawal of the objections, and allowance of the application.

Applicant believes no fee is due. If a fee is due please debit Deposit Account Number 04-2219 referencing our docket number 13814.

Respectfully submitted,



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